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The above-identified patent application claims priority to United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 0122425.2 filed on September 17, 2001. Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of a United Kingdom Search Report issued on the priority United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB

0122425.2. The Search Report cited United States Patent No. 5,659,566, European Patent Application Nos. EP 1017141 A2, EP 0579439 A1, and Japanese Patent document Nos. JP 9005586, JP 5164947 and JP 5323139 (English translation of the Abstracts attached).

Copies of the United Kingdom Search Report and the cited references are enclosed together with PTO-Form 1449.

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